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Subject: 8/15 Community Involvement summary

Here is the summary of Community Involvement's activities from 8/15. Please keep in mind (and mark on the SITREP as appropriate) that the summary of the meeting is to the best of my understanding, but pending meeting notes from my field team that came in late last night and left early today. I expect those meeting notes tonight along with the meeting notes from today:

Community Involvement Coordinators Linda Reeves and ZiZi Searles attended a special meeting in Nenahnezad. The meeting was hosted and facilitated by the Nenahnezad Chapter, and community members as well as officials were invited from surrounding Chapters including Upper Fruitland, Hogback, and San Juan. This is the first time EPA has presented to these communities as a part of this emergency response.

The meeting was well attended, with between 150-200 people, and lasted upwards of 5 hours. The meeting was attended by Navajo Nation officials, Chapter officials, and the press as well as community members (a better list to come with the meeting notes). EPA was able to give a statement and discuss updates, including the release of some data today. Statements were also made by other representatives as well as community members (again, more information to come).

While more information will be provided on specific community questions, the field team impressed to me that the issues related to the claims forms are a very large concern and represent one of the biggest reasons EPA's relationship with communities is currently fractured.

In addition to the Nenahnezad meeting, work completed in Farmington included:

• • • • • Communication with the JIC/Durango on data release and messaging

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• • • • Continued coordination with Region 6 Community Involvement and now coordination with Region 8 Community Involvement

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• □ □ □ □ □ □ Communication with HQ/EOC to put Navajo Nation specific information on EPA's Gold King Mine website
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●□□□□□□□□□□ Completed Region 9's backlog on the 844 hotline so that we are now up to date
Personnel update for 8/15:
David Yogi went to Durango to support coordination with the JIC
Secody Hubbard headed home
ZiZi Searles officially joined the team
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